affected districts. According to them, expenditure on relief measures is carried out as per Government Resolutions issued by the State Government and that there is no possibility of misuse or improper use of relief assistance. Hence there is no question of any inquiry. The State Government had reportedly carried out a number of relief activities in Kutch district which include opening of grass depots, employment under scarcity related works, payment of cash doles, opening of cattle camps/gaushalas/panjrapoles, payment of cattle subsidy and nutrition programme by way of sukhadi groundnut gram jaggery distribution scheme.

Indian Nationals in Foreign Jails

*68. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indian soldiers and citizens are impriosoned in foreign jails since long;

(b) if so, the number of Indian soldiers and citizens still imprisoned in foreign jails, country-wise;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to get them released immediately; and

(d) the number of Indian soldiers and citizens released from foreign jails as a result of the efforts made by Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (d) According to Government's information, at present there are 54 Indian soldiers and 6032 other Indian citizens imprisoned in various foreign countries. A country-wise break-up of these imprisoned Indian nationals and those so far released from foreign jails is given the annexed Statement. (See below)

As soon as an Indian diplomatic Mission/Post is informed of the arrest of an Indian national, a request is made to the host Government for seeking counsular access. An officer of the Mission/Post visits the detainee to ascertain the circumstances leading to the arrest. Where necessary, the Mission/Post takes up the matter with the host Government for speedy and fair trial and also for review of

the sentence. The prisoners are normally released on completion of their sentences. In deserving cases, our Missions/Posts approach the local authorities for remission of sentences.

Statement

Indian Nationals in Foreign Jails

Indian nationals currently in foreign jails

Country	Indian soldiers currently in foreign jails		Indian soldiers/ Civilians releasd from 1.1.1998 (till date) unless otherwise specified.
	Soldiers	Civilians	
1	2	3	4
Algeria	Nil	Nil	Nil
Angola	Nil	Nil	Nil
Argentina	Nil	Nil	Nil
Armenia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Australia	Nil	02	Nil
Austria	Nil	62	Nil
Azerbaijan	Nil	03	01
Bahrain	Nil	131	34
Bangladesh	Nil	571	386
Barbados	Nil	Nil	Nil
Belarus	Nil	02	Nil
Belgium	Nil	Nil	Nil
Benin	Nil	Nil	Nil

1	2	3	4
Bhutan	Nil	45	Nil
Botswana	Nil	Nil	Nil
Brazil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Brunei	Nil	03	Nil
Bulgaria	Nil	Nil	Nil
Burkina Faso	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cambodia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cameroon	Nil	Nil	Nil
Canada	Nil	03	Nil
Central African Rep.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chad	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chile	Nil	Nil	Nil
China	Nil	01	01
Hong Kong (China)	Nil	25	Nil
Colombia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Croatia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cuba	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cyprus	Nil	Nil	Nil
Czech. Rep.	Nil	02	Nil
Denmark	Nil	02	Nil
Djibouti	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dominican Rep.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Egypt	Nil	12	Nil
El Salvador	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ethiopia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Eritrea	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fiji	Nil	Nil	Nil
Finland	Nil	Nil	Nil
France	Nil	Nil	Nil
Georgia	Nil	01	Nil
Germany	Nil	224	Nil

1	2	3	4
Ghana	Nil	Nil	Nil
Guinea	Nil	Nil	Nil
Greece	Nil	97	110
Guyana	Nil	Nil	Nil
Haiti	Nil	Nil	Nil
Hungary	Nil	Nil	Nil
Indonesia	Nil	02	Nil
Iran	Nil	10	Nil
Iraq	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ireland	Nil	Nil	Nil
Israel	Nil	03	Nil
Italy	Nil	04	Nil
Ivory Coast	Nil	Nil	Nil
Jamaica	Nil	Nil	Nil
Japan	Nil	05	Nil
Jordan	Nil	10	09 (w.e.f. Jan., 00)
Kazakhstan	Nil	03	01 (w.e.f. Jan., 00)
Kenya	Nil	Nil	Nil
DPR Korea	Nil	Nil	Nil
Rep. of Korea	Nil	04	Nil
Kuwait	Nil	107	Nil
Kyrgyzstan	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lao PDR	Nil	Nil	Nil
Latvia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lebanon	Nil	03	29 (w.e.f. Jan., 00)
Libya	Nil	03	01
Liberia	Nil	Nil	Nil

1	2	3	4
Lithuania	Nil	Nil	Nil
Macedonia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Madagascar	Nil	Nil	Nil
Malaysia	Nil	703	433 (w.e.f. Jan., 00)
Maldives	Nil	01	Nil
Malta	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mauritius	Nil	48	01
Mexico	Nil	01	Nil
Mongolia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Morocco	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mozambique	Nil	Nil	Nil
Myanmar	Nil	21	08 (July, 2000)
Nepal	Nil	207	Nil
Netherlands	Nil	Nil	Nil
Namibia	Nil	Nil	Nil
New Zealand	Nil	02	Nil
Nicaragua	Nil	Nil	Nil
Niger	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nigeria	Nil	Nil	Nil
Norway	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sultanate of Oman	Nil	14	Nil
Palestine	Nil	Nil	Nil
Papua New Guinea	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pakistan	54	975	619 (Since 1997)
Panama	Nil	02	Nil
Paraguay	Nil	Nil	Nil
Peru & Bolivia	Nil	Nil	Nil

1	2	3	4
Philippines	Nil	03	Nil
Poland	Nil	Nil	Nil
Portugal	Nil	Nil	Nil
Qatar	Nil	56	300 (w.e.f. Jan., 99)
Romania	Nil	01	Nil
Russian Federation	Nil	12	02
Saudi Arabia	Nil	768	Nil
Senegal	Nil	Nil	02
Seychelles	Nil	01	Nil
Sierra Leone	Nil	Nil	Nil
Singapore	Nil	350	Nil
Slovak Republic	Nil	Nil	Nil
South Africa	Nil	Nil	Nil
Spain	Nil	02	Nil
Sri Lanka	Nil	56	83
Sudan	Nil	Nil	03
Suriname	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sweden	Nil	Nil	Nil
Switzerland	Nil	Nil	Nil
Syrian Arab Rep.	Nil	18	19
Tanzania	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tajikistan	Nil	Nil	Nil
Thailand	Nil	47	73 (w.e.f. Jan., 00)
Trinidad and Tobago	Nil	Nil	Nil
Togo	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tunisia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Turkey	Nil	Nil	Nil
Turkmenistan	Nil	Nil	Nil
Uganda, Rwanda & Burundi	Nil	Nil	Nil

1	2	3	4
Ukraine	02	03	
United Arab Emirates	Nil	800	Nil
United kingdom	Nil	239	Nil
United States of America	Nil	358	17 (w.e.f. Jan., 00)
Uruguay	Nil	Nil	Nil
Uzbekistan	Nil	01	Nil
Venezuela	Nil	Nil	Nil
Vietnam	Nil	01	Nil
Rep. of Yemen	Nil	02	10 (last 6 years)
Yugoslavia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Zambia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Zimbabwe	Nil	01	Nil
TOTAL:	54	6,032	2,145

Outcome of Israel Visit

*69. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought help form isreal to fight terrorism in the country;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held with him on his recent visit to Jerusalem;

(c) whether any agreement between both the countries have been signed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent it is helpful in combating terrorism?